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Classroom changes leave parents and students unsettled

by JENN WATT
Editor

Parents of students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School say they and their children have been through a whirlwind of emotions for about two weeks as they anticipated reorganization of classes for kindergarten and Grade 7/8 students.

Information was sent out by the school administration on Monday, Sept. 9 that more students had registered at ASES than was expected.

ASES had 35 more students than had been projected, which included seven additional students in junior kindergarten, according to the school board. This necessitated another classroom for kindergarten students and one for 7/8 to commence on Monday, Sept. 23 – two weeks after the initial announcement.

An email from the principal to parents was framed in a positive light, pointing out that new teachers would be hired to accommodate the increase and that class sizes would decrease – from 29 or 30 students to 22 or 23, for kindergarten.

However, after the initial email, some parents began to feel apprehensive about the changes to come. Students weren't informed

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Corduroy Enduro makes a splash

Racers navigate a river crossing in Gelert during the Enduro Corduroy on Sept. 21. The event took place throughout Haliburton County during the weekend. Shelby Turner won the pro women's division, Evan Smith the pro men's division. More photos on page 3. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Land trust commemorates 10 years of the Dahl Forest

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

When William Dahl purchased what is now the Dahl Forest in the early 1950s, the prop-

erty – a 500-acre piece of land containing nearly three kilometres of waterfront along the Burnt River – was actually an abandoned farm. Today, its fields are unrecognizable, reclaimed by wilderness.

The 10th anniversary of the family's donation of the Dahl Forest to the Haliburton

Highlands Land Trust was commemorated with a luncheon celebration at the Dahl home on Sept. 18.

"The Dahl Forest we're celebrating today is certainly not the same Dahl Forest the Dahl Family came to . . . over 50 years ago," land

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ADVENTURE COMES STANDARD

Changes cause parent and student anxiety

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who would be switching classes and, for some, they wouldn't meet their new teacher until the day the transition happened.

In total, 116 students, or 27 per cent of the student population at ASES, was involved in the classroom shift, according to the board.

"It's going to be really, really hard. For the SKs [senior kindergarten students], they've already formed relationships, they already have friendships. They're going into a new class now, three weeks after school has started," said parent April Austen. "They now have to learn how to deal with a new teacher, new everything after three weeks. For some of these JKs [junior kindergarten students], some are flat out refusing to go to school."

Austen said she was frustrated that the new teachers weren't hired sooner and that so many students were shuffled between classes, when administration could have decided to move fewer students to provide stability.

She said her daughter, who is in senior kindergarten, cried for an hour and a half when she found out she would be moving. "She had finally formed some friendships with three other girls and those four girls are now in four different classrooms," she said. "So they literally went, OK, one, two, three, four [assigning students] ... There were very few kids who got to stay where they were."

Another parent who asked that the *Minden Times* not use her name for fear of backlash from the school, said "it almost seems like they put names in a hat and picked classes."

She said parents and students were experiencing anxiety over the changes, and she thought teachers likely were too.

"I was anxious all week waiting for the decision to be made," she said. "My child kept asking if he was having to leave his class or if his friends were leaving. Made for a rough week at home. My child is only five, so how do you explain that to them?"

This mother said inquiries were met with generic responses from the school. When the day came that classroom assignments would be announced, parents received the news through an automated call, which for some came around the same time they pick their kids up from school, just before the planned annual open house.

The mother said she wished the school had planned better or done the shift in the first week. "This has been a horrible process to go through," she said. "This could have been handled very, very differently. No one understands why the principal

chose to move and shuffle the entire JK/SK group of kids when they could have moved just those to fill the new class. Maybe shuffle a couple [if] necessary. Instead they chose to uproot the entire JK/SK group of kids."

Registration numbers were collected at the end of the last school year, Trillium Lakelands District School Board communications manager Catherine Shedden said. At that point, ASES had the numbers to qualify for three kindergarten classes.

"There was also information that the provincial class size regulations were changing but the board did not have the final confirmation of the changes. The new class size regulations were posted on Aug. 22, 2019," she said via email.

In the first week of school, class size information was compiled and it was found that ASES "ended up having seven additional students in JK which is a significant increase from their numbers the last week of June. This caused a need for an additional FDK [full day kindergarten] class."

Asked about a rumour that funding had been requested for an additional teacher/classroom in the spring, Shedden said teachers are assigned based on how many classrooms are required, which is determined by student enrolment and class size caps.

As for the 10-day delay between the announcement of the new classes and the actual restructuring, she said: "The decision to add two additional classes to [ASES] was made on the fifth day of school after all school data was analyzed. The posting for a new teacher must be out for five days before hiring can be done and therefore Monday, Sept. 23 is the date for the new classes to start so that the new teachers can be hired and in place."

Jennifer Hughey, who is a local councillor and a parent of students at ASES, said the reorganization led to a solemn open house for some students on Sept. 18.

"Traditionally, an evening for kids to show parents their classrooms, to eat hamburgers, hot dogs and corn; instead, it became a sad evening for some children who had to be told they were no longer in the class they thought. Meeting a new teacher, again, and getting situated in a class, again," she

wrote in an email to the *Times*.

Hughey's children were not involved in the reorganization, but she said she was concerned with how it happened.

"My concerns are also based on the point [of] anxiety and uncertainty. School is a huge thing for JK/SK-aged children. It's the first time they are away from their parents for that long for most, and with the level of uncertainty that creates alone – adding additional anxiety of not being sure you may be in another class or have another teacher in a few weeks ... is very scary."

Hughey said that she loved ASES and she supported the staff there, but "right now there are serious issues pushing families to make decisions to buy homes outside Minden or send children to programming outside Minden."

Shedden said the individual needs and capabilities of students were reviewed with staff during the process.

"School staff work carefully to create the best possible arrangements for all our students," she said. "All these changes help us to create class sizes that fall within the Ministry of Education requirements."

She said the situation this year "is not unusual," but reorganization can look different at different schools. "While an increase in enrolment can cause some minor temporary disruption in a school, it does mean that the board will receive additional funding to provide the teachers, supports, and resources required for students," she said.

Shedden also noted that it's important parents register their children for school before June of the previous school year.

April Austen said parents and students will eventually get used to the new classrooms and teachers, but she hopes this level of reorganization can be avoided in the future.

"Yes, it's happened and we'll deal with it, but it can't happen again," she said. "There has to be a better way to do things going forward."

As the *Times* prepares to go to press, parents have contacted the paper to say additional teacher changes, unrelated to the initial reorganization, had been announced.

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Waste Wizard conjures up better recycling in AH

Algonquin Highlands councillors, staff and members of the township's environment and stewardship committee officially launch the Waste Wizard at the Maple Lake landfill. The app allows residents to search a database of items to find out how to properly dispose of them, and offers sustainable alternatives to non-recyclable items. Residents can request that items not found in the database be added. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



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Riders race down a trail on the Sedgwick property in Gelert during the annual Corduroy Enduro.



Happy trails at Corduroy Enduro

A rider with a helmet camera emerges from the river in Gelert as spectators look on during the Corduroy Enduro on Sept. 21. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Education workers ready to give job action notice

CUPE education workers are preparing to be in a legal strike position beginning Sept. 30, positioning themselves to give formal job action notice to the province today.

An email sent to CUPE local members on Sept. 23 said, "in total we had six days straight of very hard bargaining. The team always put members' priorities at the forefront of our decisions and we did everything we could to reach a deal. We had a skilled mediator – even endorsed by the Minister of Education himself – but the parties remain far apart on key issues."

Across the province, CUPE represents 55,000 education workers and bargaining has been conducted by CUPE's Ontario School Board Council of Unions. Earlier this month, CUPE locals around the province voted 93 per cent for job action. Locally, the bargaining unit representing office, clerical,

technical and educational assistants voted 97.4 per cent in favour of a strike mandate and custodial and maintenance staff voted 98.8 per cent in favour.

In a Sept. 24 press release from Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, he said: "Our government remains focused on keeping kids in the classroom and delivering a deal that gives students and parents predictability and certainty. This will not change. I urge CUPE and the employers to come back to the table and direct their efforts toward reaching a deal as quickly [as] possible. Our government remains available at any time to restart talks with CUPE and keep students in school. Kids and parents deserve no less."

In the email to CUPE education workers, it was stated that no further mediation dates are scheduled at this time.

-Staff

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Public Welcome
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Oct 10 – Committee of the Whole Meeting
Oct 31 – Regular Council Meeting

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Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the month of December.

NOTICE – PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

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The proposed fee changes will apply to:

"Schedule C" Fire - proposed fee of \$50 for Fireworks Discharge Permit Application, in accordance to Noise By-law 13-54. For more information please contact Mike Bekking, Fire Chief at mbekking@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1202.

"Schedule E" Roads - proposed fee of \$ 125 for Entrance Permit Re-inspection. For more information please contact Travis Wilson, Director of Public Works at twilson@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-3144.

Housekeeping Item:

"Schedule H" Community Services Programs & Facilities - inclusion of approved fee of \$500 for special rental of park by vendor (non-exclusive use).

For more information please contact Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services at mcoleman@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1936 ext. 201.

Thanks,

Vicki Bull, Clerk, Township of Minden Hills, 705-286-1260 ext. 215, vbull@mindenhills.ca

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Property changes reflect shift in values

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trust chairwoman Mary-Lou Gerstl said, addressing a crowd that included members of the family along with members of the land trust.

In the years following the purchase of the property, the Dahl family – William, his wife Peggy, children Peter and Nan – planted some 100,000 trees covering about 40 per cent of the property, the rest left to nature, which has taken its course.

“To have it donated now, to the land trust, to our community, this is something our community will have forever,” Gerstl said.

The Dahl family was recognized by the federal government during a sesquicentennial celebration in 2017 for their conservation efforts.

“I just want to say how grateful we are, how wonderful it is to have this beautiful, magnificent place, that will never be changed,” Gerstl said.

“I appreciate all of you as volunteers and monitors and all of the board work you do,” said Nan McKernan (nee Dahl). “... I appreciate all of you contributing to this ongoing legacy because it doesn’t stop with the gift ... and that takes time and energy from all of you, and I really appreciate that.”

McKernan now resides in Alberta and said it had been 11 or 12 years since she’d been to the property, and noted she’d seen different species of frog during her visit.

“[There are] lots of things that exist here now that didn’t when we first planted trees here, but also, I have to say, it’s so different to come back here because it’s grown up so significantly,” she said. “To see so much



Nan McKernan, left, Peter Dahl, Jan MacLenan and Dennis McKernan gather at the Dahl home to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the donation of the Dahl Forest to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

more growth, it’s a different place every time. It’s evolving.”

There were some old photographs set out, taken when the family first purchased the property nearly 70 years ago.

“It just occurred to me, looking at those pictures of the old farms, and how the pioneering people up here ... they wore themselves to the bone,” said Peter, “clearing this

land of trees and just about everything, and building fences, and there’s stone wall up through the woods there. And I think about how much work that would have been. And they would have sat back at the end of the day, and looked out onto this property and thought, you know, you look at this fabulous farm I’ve created, and might have cattle and crops and so on. And now, we are here today

celebrating the fact we have turned that farm back into forest that it was in the 1800s, and it seems ironic in some ways, but it is a testament to the change in our society and how our values are shifting, through organizations like the land trust, to preserve, instead of creating something, and managing nature.”

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Haliburton Highlands Land Trust chairwoman Mary-Lou Gerstl, left, speaks during the 10th anniversary celebration of the donation of the Dahl Forest to the land trust.



Peter Dahl said looking at old photos of the property reminded him of the work the early settlers did to clear the land. The property has since returned to forest.

AH hires company to deal with fall colours traffic

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Algonquin Highlands will hire company People Ready to supply staff to help control traffic as thousands of visitors flock to the municipality to check out fall foliage at the Dorset tower and Algonquin Park, located just north of the township.

Backed up traffic waiting to get into the provincial park has caused problems in the nearby hamlet of Oxtongue Lake for years, with instances of trespassing, boats being taken for joy rides, and people urinating on residential properties. Traffic lines Highway 35 near the Dorset tower, which is owned by the municipality and has limited parking.

At Oxtongue Lake, a number of roads get closed to all but local traffic.

"What they would be doing would be standing at the road closure, stopping any non-local traffic from coming in,"

parks, recreation and trails manager Chris Card explained during a Sept. 19 council meeting. People Ready would be hired for the weekends before, of, and after Thanksgiving.

"While we own and operate and manage the Dorset tower, we don't own and operate the park that creates the problems for our folks at Oxtongue Lake," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. "I'm a little disappointed that Algonquin Highlands has to even consider spending money to almost protect the residents from a problem that we had no hand in creating."

"I definitely think it's important that we do this," said Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, adding that while the costs associated with Oxtongue Lake may be unfair, "A lot of the traffic is to our tower as well, and that you need to be responsible for."

The costs associated with the tower have a maximum limit of \$22,000, which Card said was \$17,000 over what had been budgeted.

"However, we did plan for that in development fees, which would offset the cost," Card said, explaining admission fees

for the tower had been increased during the fall foliage rush.

The upset limit for staffing at Oxtongue Lake is \$3,610, plus taxes.

"I think this is a continuing conversation and we really need to examine how this works out," said Moffatt, indicating she thought the township would need greater security and enforcement in coming years.

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I definitely think it's important that we do this.

— DEPUTY MAYOR LIZ DANIELSEN

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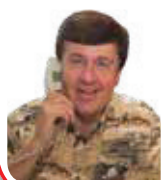


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Meet your candidates

THE FEDERAL election campaign is underway and, amid a few exploding proverbial bombshells, the major party leaders are busy making stops in communities across Canada, and making promises while they are there.

Campaign pledges so far have included increased RESP grants, income tax cuts, reduced medical wait times and lower cellphone bills, among others. There'll be lots of talk about helping the middle class, a group difficult to define and which most of us self-identify as belonging to.

Locally, vying to unseat incumbent Jamie Schmale are Liberal candidate Judi Forbes, NDP candidate Barbara Doyle, Green Party candidate Elizabeth Fraser and People's Party of Canada candidate Gene Balfour. We've published profile pieces on each of the candidates over the past months, and will publish more of their thoughts on policy heading into the election.

A good way to get a sense of our local federal candidates in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock is to attend all-candidates meetings, and the one in Haliburton County will take place at the Pinestone on the evening of Oct. 9, hosted

by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons) and the Lakelands Association of Realtors. Provincial and federal all-candidates meetings are often well attended, and are worth attending.

For those who may have never been to one, the evening, hosted by a moderator,

typically starts out with opening statements from each of the candidates. The bulk of the meeting, however, consists of residents lined up at a microphone asking questions from the floor. That's the

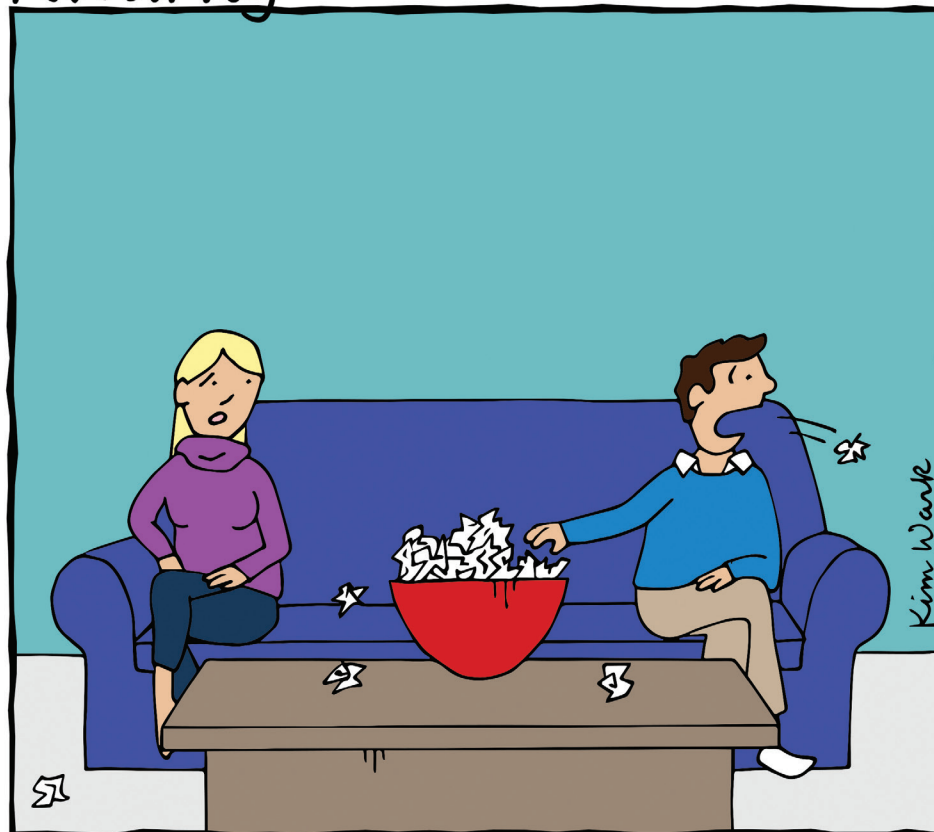
great part of these meetings. They allow you to ask questions directly of the people vying to be your representative in Parliament. It's like a giant, public job interview. And since the people asking the questions are from Haliburton County, most of the questions have to do with implications of federal programming in Haliburton County.

In attending you get a sense of what candidates think about a variety of issues, how they comport themselves, how they think on their feet, so on and so forth.

The meeting runs from 7 until 9 p.m. and if you can make it, you should consider attending.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Kwarky



"You're eating my attempts at a first novel."

Crunch time

IHAVE JUST realized I made a horrible mistake.

That's because I have just about finished building my duck boat, a double-ended, 14-foot kayak that rides low and draws a couple of inches of water.

I know, it sounds awesome. After all, this is a boat expressly built for duck hunting.

The problem is this. The boat's design is such that you lay down in it while waiting for ducks and geese to come into range.

On the surface this seems great. It combines my two favourite activities: duck hunting and reclining. Even now I am envisioning bright, sunny early autumn afternoon naps in the marsh, being cradled by the bobbing of my duck boat.

But there is a horrible side of this too. And this is what I never considered prior to building it.

If I am to shoot a duck, the design of this boat requires me to do something I swore off long ago – a sit up.

That's right, a sit up.

Yes, to get into shooting position, you need to do a sit up.

And not at a comfortable pace either, which is once every decade for me. No, it means doing a sit up whenever ducks show up. This literally puts me at the mercy of ducks which have been my sworn enemy ever since they first starting demonstrating to me and others what a horrible shot I am.

It's not so bad right now, but once the ducks realize that every shot means making me do a sit up, I bet the flocks will break up and start coming in singly at two

second intervals.

What was I thinking?

Duck hunting is supposed to be a leisure activity.

I suppose there is a bright side to this. If I have a good season with lots of shooting I will walk away from it with a six pack. And, if I have a bad hunt where I miss everything, I might just do the same.

The thing is, adversity like this often brings out the best in a person. Now that I know I must earn my shots with exercise, I will actually focus more on my shooting and try to get three birds with three shots to minimize my exercise.

Failing that I will only shoot at high overhead shots that do not require me to move at all. Or just have a good nap.

Another plus I suppose is that my hunting buddies will soon pick up on the fact that every shot I take means I have done a sit up. Knowing them, this will mean they will flare

ducks my way just to giggle at the thought.

Also, not one of them will ever bother with the boat unless they just want a nap in the marsh. For like me, the last time any of these guys did a sit up was 1979.

Do I regret making this boat? Not really.

It will very likely be just the ticket in the places I hunt and there is a great feeling of accomplishment in creating a boat out of fibreglass.

And who knows? Maybe I'll actually get some benefits out of doing sit ups.

All things considered it's not that bad. It's not the first time I never thought things through. But this is the first time me exercising poor judgment will be literal.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Among the oaks

THERE IS NO better place to sit and think than on one of the rocky outcrops offering entrancing views of the magnificent Haliburton landscape.

I am sitting on one now, staring down at the mysteries of forest life, and into a clearing where perhaps a doe and her fawn, or a meandering black bear, might appear.

This is a wonderfully intriguing place, but not just because of the chance to see wildlife. From my vantage point I get to study a small piece of nature and reflect on what a great teacher it is.

What fascinates me is how anything can grow on this hill of blue granite, created thousands of years ago from a surging of molten rock.



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From Shaman's Rock

There is little plant life on this tabletop of hard rock. Yet somehow there are trees. Not just any trees, but regal red oaks standing strong and proud like monarchs overseeing their kingdoms.

Somehow these oaks made a home here. Over many decades, decaying vegetable matter carried by the winds gathered into crevices in the rock, eventually becoming soil. Acorns dropped by birds, squirrels or wind found their way into the soil-filled crevices and began the lives of the mighty oaks now here.

However, some of the oaks are mighty no longer because they are not standing. And that's the reason that I am up here.

A couple of summers ago a wild, twisting wind roared into this forest, knocking down poplars and evergreens in the lower areas. Not content with wreaking damage down there, the wind turned and spun its way up and across this rocky hill.

The oaks are rooted tenuously on the rock, and 16 of them were uprooted by the wind, which I believe was a small tornado. It was sad to find them lying there, their only use now being winter firewood, to which I am entitled because I have legal deed to this forest although in fact I am only its temporary custodian.

Cutting firewood is satisfying, but tiring, work. So whenever I stop the chainsaw to take a rest I sit on the rock and think about this forest.

The similarities between human life and the lives of trees in this forest are fascinating.

The oaks have formed a colony on this rock tabletop because they are strong and conditioned for living in meagre conditions. Enough rain slides off the smooth rock surfaces into crevices to quench the roots' thirst.

Below the hill, the fast-growing poplars have colonized the soft, rich soil areas. Some now are 80 to 100 feet high, threatening to block the sunlight needed by the oaks on the hill. Poplars, unlike the oaks, have a short life span and the tallest ones will have expired before they become a real threat to the oaks.

Two other interesting trees have gathered in preferred living areas of this forest. Young white pines, once the dominant tree species of this part of the country, are populating open areas featuring sandy soil conditions. Here their roots can spread easily and their needles can catch the sunlight and the open air that they love.

Farther off to my right and out of sight are the clean-cut, smooth-bark beeches. They occupy an east exposure hillside that bathes in the morning sun.

Not one beech is found on the far side of that hill. Why I am not sure. Perhaps they simply favour the morning sun over the evening sun. They seem to have found a place they like and have no intention of spreading farther.

These tree families are much like people families. There are times when change forces them to migrate. When they do, they pick places where they believe they can put down roots, have productive lives and raise future generations.

Looking down from this outcrop I can see patches of mixed forest. Areas where pines, poplars, oaks, maples and beeches are living together despite their different needs and preferences.

The human world also is well along the way to blending into a mixed forest of people.

When you sit staring out from a rocky outcrop, nature tells you that while there are many species of trees, and many different races of people, trees are still trees and people are still people, no matter what their differences.

Full body mobilization - part 2

IF YOU'VE been doing the three movements from last week's article you are hopefully experiencing greater mobility in your neck, shoulders and arms. I found that once I got familiar with the routine it really didn't take long to do and it became as automatic as brushing my teeth. In fact, in one of the seminars I took the instructor called this practice "joint hygiene." When you think about it, it makes total sense. Every day we brush our teeth. Essentially they are bones in our mouths that are the first part of the digestive process. That is their total responsibility. Our joints are responsible for everything that we do (including brushing our teeth) so why is it that they don't get the care and attention that our teeth do? Give that some thought while you do the next three exercises.



Laurie Sweig

Practical Fitness

- **Standing Side to Side:** Standing with your arms extended overhead (keep your fingers spread and your thumb-tips remain touching through the entire movement). Contract right oblique muscles and lean to the right then come back to centre. From there contract left oblique muscles and lean to left and then return to centre.

- **Standing Front to Back:** Standing with your arms extended overhead (keep your

fingers spread and your thumb-tips remain touching through the entire movement) bend forward as far as you can and then come back to the starting position. Next lean backward with arms extended and look at the ceiling behind you.

- **Standing Hip Circles:** This motion is similar to the motion of swinging your leg to get off of a bike. Standing next to a wall

hold on with left hand and lift your right leg straight back and then up and around so that your leg and foot would be clearing an imaginary bike seat. Reverse the motion for the second part of the movement. Repeat on the left side.

Do two reps or rotations in one direction then two in the other direction. When you're doing any of these movement exercises go slowly and pay

attention to what your body is telling you.

Now you have mobility exercises to do for your neck, arms, shoulders, oblique muscles, back and hips. Build these into your daily routine for a few weeks and enjoy the benefits of improved mobility.

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Class offered for pre-diabetes

DORSET NEWS

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The Dorset Community Health Hub and Algonquin Family Health Team are hosting a Pre-diabetes Class at the Dorset Rec Centre on Tuesday, Oct. 1 from 10 to 11 a.m.

If you have one or more of the following risk factors, this class is worth checking out: family history of Type 2 diabetes, elevated blood sugar, overweight, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, not physically active.

The benefits of attending: learn how to reduce your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, reduce your risk of developing kidney disease, eye disease, cardiovascular disease and nerve damage, manage your weight and reduce body fat and increase muscle strength and endurance. Please call the Health Hub for more information at 705-766-0866.

Join Brenda Turnour for an acrylic painting class, beginner and intermediate, on

Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Dorset Rec Centre. The one-day workshop is \$120 and supplies are provided. Bring a photo you'd like to paint. To register contact Brenda at 705-766-2357 or brenda.turnour@live.ca.

Lions International refurbishes old eyeglasses and then distributes them to qualified missions delivering eyewear to the needy around the world. If you have outdated and unused eyewear, please consider donating and help others to see. A dropbox is located in Dorset at Pharmasave, 1103 Main Street, across from the Health Hub.

Tickets to *Love Letters* on Oct. 19 are now on sale at Robertson Real Estate and the Dorset Rec Centre. They're \$20 each, cash only. For more information contact collinreaney@aol.com.

Happy birthday to Joy Baker-Griffin, Clint MacKay, Sandy Scott, Sarah Parniak and Ryan Robinson-Hatton. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

DVD of the Month - September

Dumbo directed by Tim Burton, with Danny DeVito and Colin Farrell



When ringmaster Max Medici enlists former star Holt Farrier and his two children, Milly and Joe, to care for the newborn elephant in his struggling circus, he doesn't hold out much hope. The pint-sized pachyderm's oversized ears have made him a laughing stock in a pathetic act that's already in trouble. But Dumbo takes them all by surprise when they discover he can fly. With the circus back to full-house fame, Dumbo's antics attract the attention of entrepreneur V.A. Vandevere, a persuasive amusement park owner who wants to recruit the elephant and his crew for his newest venture, Dreamland. With Dumbo set to soar to new heights, however, Holt discovers that beneath its shiny veneer, Dreamland isn't the dream that it seems. Bursting with Burton's signature visual flair, *Dumbo* is sure to delight. Reserve it today at HCPL.

Schmale runs for re-election

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Jamie Schmale says his top priority is driving down the cost of living for residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

The Conservative candidate is the federal incumbent for HKLB, vying for re-election Oct. 21 after having been first elected as MP in 2015.

“What I’m hearing most at the doors is the cost of living,” Schmale says, adding that residents’ pensions and pay-cheques aren’t going as far as they used to. “People want to get ahead. They’re sick of just getting by.”

Schmale says a large chunk of the Conservatives’ platform is aimed at making life more affordable for Canadians, and notes that in the riding, some residents are making the choice whether to pay their heating bills or buy groceries.

The Conservatives are promising a 1.25 per cent income tax reduction for those earning less than \$46,700 per year, which they say would equate to savings about approximately \$440 per person per year, or more than \$850 for a couple with incomes in that tax bracket.

“That’s money they can put back into the priorities that are

important to them,” Schmale says.

The Conservatives are also vowing to remove HST from home heating fuel – “We’re paying tax on top of tax,” Schmale says – as well as eliminating the carbon tax.

While the Conservative party intends to terminate carbon pricing, Schmale points out it has a 50-plus page plan on the environment, which includes such suggestions as bringing back programs such as the federally funded Lake Simcoe/South-Eastern Georgian Bay Cleanup Fund, which was created to address phosphorous loading and improve lake health.

“Tangible results that people can see,” Schmale says.

Acknowledging it’s important for society to start weening itself off fossil fuels, Schmale says the way for the government to advance is to support businesses creating made-in-Canada, sustainable technologies.

“Our goal is technology, not taxes,” he says. “We need to allow companies and businesses to build that technology.”

At press time, the Conservatives were readying to present a rural broadband strategy. Haliburton County is part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network project that aims to outfit the entire eastern portion of the province with wireless, broadband internet by the year 2024, with the federal portion of the project’s funding – \$71 million of a \$213-million price tag – announced in July.



“EORN had a plan on the minister’s desk for two years,” Schmale says. With matching funding from the province, as well as funding from municipalities and internet providers, the long-awaited confirmation of federal funding was the last piece of the financial puzzle for the project.

During the weekend, Conservative leader Andrew Scheer made an announcement regarding promises to help veterans, including dealing with a long backlog of veterans’ benefits applications.

“I think veterans have felt let down by governments current and past,” Schmale says, adding that some of proposed changes include eliminating requirements that make vets prove they have certain injuries over and over again in order to receive certain benefits.

Under former prime minister Stephen Harper, the Conservatives made substantial cuts to the Ministry of Veterans’ Affairs, including the closure of eight Veterans’ Affairs offices.

Schmale is asked if he thinks the low polling numbers for Ontario Premier Doug Ford, who’s been staying clear of the federal Conservative campaign, would hurt the party in vote-rich Ontario.

He responds that in this election, voters are deciding whether they want Scheer, Justin Trudeau, Elizabeth May or Jagmeet Singh as the prime minister.

“Doug Ford, whether you like him or not, he’s not on the ballot,” Schmale says.

Pointing to Ontario’s heavy debt level, Schmale adds that his party wants to stop the tax-and-spend ways of the Trudeau government before the federal picture resembles the provincial one, and valuable social services people rely on need to be cut.

“It’s been an honour to serve for the last four years as the Member of Parliament for this riding,” Schmale says, adding he’s tried to be as accessible to residents as possible. “I hope to keep doing it.”

Schmale served more than a decade as executive assistant to former HKLB MP Barry Devolin before being elected in 2015.

Vying to unseat Schmale are Liberal candidate Judi Forbes, NDP candidate Barbara Doyle, Green Party candidate Elizabeth Fraser and People’s Party of Canada candidate Gene Balfour.

All candidates meeting Oct. 9

Mark your calendar for the federal election all candidates meeting planned for Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Pinestone Resort on County Road 21.

All candidates have been confirmed by organizers.

The event is being hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, CARP Haliburton Highlands chapter 54, and Lakelands Association of realtors. Bring your questions.






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A group of students and community members gather at the train on the high school field for a group photo during the climate action on Friday, Sept. 20 in Haliburton. /BRIAN MOULD Special to the Times

Protesters demand action on climate change

by JENN WATT
Editor

A group of students and community members joined together on County Road 21 outside the high school in Haliburton on Friday afternoon demanding action on climate change as part of the Global Climate Strike.

High school students Alyssa Morissette, Teo O'Malley and Fiona Higgins joined with their friends making signs for the protest on the lawn beside the athletic field. They said climate change poses an existential threat for humanity and questioned whether there would be a habitable world for upcoming generations of young people unless something was done.

The problem is real, said Fiona: "It's not just stories you read online."

Minden resident Kathy Vincer said she read about the protest in a newsletter from the David Suzuki Foundation.

"I thought I'd come out and show my support and join in with the students," Vincer said. She called climate change the biggest challenge humanity has ever faced.

"It might not seem as real up here [with the natural sur-

roundings]," she said, but noted there is a scientific consensus that climate change is happening.

Grade 8 student Hendrik Haase came over from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School with a sign that read: "Now is the time to act. Reduce fossil fuel emissions."

Hendrik said he thought everyone should know about climate change and that it's easy to see the effect humans are having on the planet if you pay attention. He said he hoped people would reduce their use of plastics and start using bicycles and walking more.

Although there were dozens of people out for the protest, Environment Haliburton interim president Susan Hay said she would like to see even more interest.

"Climate change is an emergency and we're not facing the reality of our future," she said, adding there should have been 10 times as many people out.

Change needs to happen rapidly and there still isn't the political will to make it happen, she said. She thought more people needed to read up on the carbon tax and become informed on the issues before voting in the federal election this October.

Jurgen Shantz, left, and Hendrik Haase stand by County Road 21 on Friday with their handmade signs demanding action on climate change. /BRIAN MOULD Special to the Times



A group of students shows off their signs and spirit at the climate action on Friday afternoon in Haliburton. Students and community members came out to demonstrate the need for action on climate change. /BRIAN MOULD Special to the Times



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CEWF annual meeting celebrates work done

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Much of the Coalition of Equitable Water Flow's annual communications meeting, held Sept. 14 at the Haliburton fish hatchery celebrated the work done through what was described as being a "critical relationship" between CEWF and the Trent-Severn Waterway, and how the water management experience has changed and improved despite more variabilities and extremes as a result of the effects of climate change.

The meeting marked the last for Jewel Cunningham, who was recently named executive director, Ontario and Waterways for Parks Canada after seven years in the role of director, Ontario Waterways field unit, Parks Canada. She praised a "phenomenal, positive, working relationship" with CEWF, joking that "at times you've challenged us to death ..."

"In the early years of my beginning, when you know, the first spring of that was 2013, all of you and your executive really did a phenomenal job in training me with regards to water management and assisting me in my knowledge of what that was all about," she said at the meeting, where chair Ted Spence presented her with a gift for her work. "Certainly an interesting component of our work on the TSW. It's really been a



Ted Spence, right, Coalition for Equitable Water Flow chair, thanks Jewel Cunningham, for her work as director of Ontario Waterways Unit, Parks Canada at the CEWF annual communications meeting held at the fish hatchery on Sept. 15. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

tremendous learning opportunity." Cunningham said that since then, the TSW

has filled the gap in regards to communications during major flood events, engaging

an entire communications team, co-ordinating daily calls during spring freshet events, and modernizing the website with real-time information. Additionally, a draft management plan for the Trent Severn Waterway national historic site has been created at visioning sessions involving CEWF members and other organizations and will be presented to the public in the new year. Spence noted it's the first time a new management plan has been created in 20 years, and that the CEWF would be calling on members to voice their input, which Cunningham also encouraged.

"Over those last six years, we've had a variety of historic flooding events and historic drought events," said Cunningham. "There's no doubt that the world is changing, it's forced us to change as an organization. I think how we've approached things is very different from when it started and to where we are today. There's still lots of room for improvement but also lots of ways in which we have improved."

Cunningham spoke to Parks Canada's capital program, which has seen \$24 million invested in the reservoir lakes area. She noted work replacing the Kennisis Lake and Mississauga Lake dams was complete, as is the Drag Lake North Dam and Loon Lake Dam rehabilitation, and Little Bob Lake Dam and Big Bob Lake Dam repair is complete.

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Answers on page 14

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Irondale hosts harvest festival

Above, John Deak, seen with wife Theresa, braids cloves of garlic during the Irondale Harvest Festival on Sept. 21. The event included vendors and refreshments and took place outside Irondale's historic church. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Left, the Bramham family were selling their Esson Creek Maple products.

Dam repairs underway across the county

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plete. Ongoing projects include the Twelve Mile Lake Dam replacement, expected to be completed in fall 2020, Horseshoe Lake Dam replacement, expected to be completed in spring 2020, and Coboconk Dam rehabilitation, expected to be completed in fall 2020. The Red Pine Lake Dam replacement begins in spring 2020. An engineering review of Haliburton dams will take place this year, which will include a complete engineering inspection of all dams in the reservoir area that have not been part of a recent construction project.

“This is the largest investment of infrastructure renewal since the creation of the TSW,” said Cunningham. “Not only that, but every single asset has been inspected, looked at, assessed, prioritized, and it’s a huge body of work so we’ll have assets in really good condition once we’re out of this program, which is scheduled to end in about three, four years.”

The CEWF, a volunteer organization formed in August 2006, represents just more than 30 lake associations promoting integrated water management across the entire Trent River watershed.

Activities in CEWF’s 2019 work plan review included working with the TSW on water management; participating in the TSW strategic planning visioning workshops; weekly or bi-weekly communication with the water manager; and it was reported that good progress has been made in making TSW graphs more valuable, with continued discussions to provide access to historical data.

Anna Ciorap, water management manager, spoke to the extensive monitoring network the TSW uses now to gather and analyze data on water levels and flows, snowpack measurements and precipitation amounts, noting challenges with inaccurate weather forecasts.

Liz Danielsen, attending the meeting as county warden, noted the LIDAR mapping program has been delayed due to weather but that photography work would start again soon to assist the county with flood planning. She praised the CEWF for their efforts.

“I just am always amazed at the dedication, the knowledge, the hard work that all of you have put into protecting our water levels and just working together so collaboratively,” she said.

Spence acknowledged the, “really quite incredible season that we’ve been through.” “We’re all experiencing kind of almost-normal water levels and we’ve had almost 12 weeks without rain over many parts of the reservoir - that’s pretty spectacular and it certainly wouldn’t have happened 15 or 20 years ago,” he said. “The critical thing here is they are making daily decisions now based on real data to send the crews into the field to manipulate the dams all the way

from the top of Haliburton to Lake Ontario. They know far more than they ever have before in terms of data, and to [Ciorap’s] efforts, they have analysis capability far be-

yond what most of us could have imagined. That’s what we’re seeing the results of.”

Presentation materials from the CEWF 2019 annual meeting as well as water level

forecasts, archived information and further resources will be posted on the CEWF website at cewf.ca.

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Hiking is child's play

Above, Sarah Bell, left, leads the Tiny Trekkers hike, part of the Hike Haliburton Festival, at Snowdon Park on Sept. 20. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Right, Evangeline Ingram counts the leaves she's collected during the Tiny Trekkers hike.



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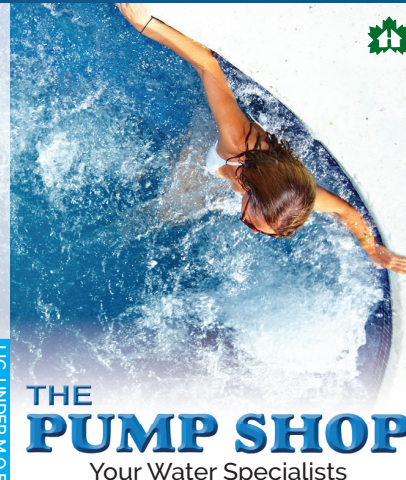
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Bridging the Gap - Independence to Assistance

A workshop for aging adults and their advocates.
When: Friday Sept. 27, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion
Light lunch provided. Doors open at 8:30 for sign
Limited seating. Registration required by Sept. 20
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When: Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Community Centre
Presented by Haliburton Reads and Writes. Professionals discuss business of writing and offer insights on getting your work into the right hands. Afternoon one-on-one sessions. \$25 for panel discussion, \$25 for each 15-minute consultation. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/from-inspiration-to-publication-tickets-69081222797>

Highlands East Skating Club

When: Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m.
Where: Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce.
Email registration available this year. Please contact highlandseastskatingclub@gmail.com.

Haliburton: Meet the Dietitian

When: Wednesday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to Noon
Where: Haliburton EarlyON Centre at JD Hodgson Elementary School (1020 Grass Lake Rd)
Join the Health Unit's Registered Dietitian to discuss feeding your infant, toddler or preschooler. Learn about healthy snacks for the whole family. For more details, call: 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1233.

Highlands Storytellers Circle

When: Thursday, Oct. 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
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Book Launch: From Bear Rock Mountain: The Life and Times of a Dene Residential School Survivor. By Antoine Mountain

When: Thursday, 3 October 2019 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Where: Radio Hall, Canoe FM , 739 Mountain Street, Haliburton
Larry O'Connor, host of the show "Tales from the Big Canoe" will be interviewing Antoine at this gathering. (no admission charge)

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When: Saturday, Oct. 5
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Kinmount Legion cooking up a book

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

If there's a recipe in your collection that is a must-share, or that you'd like to live on outside of your kitchen on the printed page, the Kinmount Legion wants to see it.

Tara Wilson, who became a Legion member earlier this year through Kinmount Legion, branch 441, had been donating baking to sell alongside the Saturday meat draw, which raises funds for the community, in an attempt to raise funds for the Legion itself. She noted that Legions, especially those in small towns, are struggling to "pay the bills, pay the Hydro, pay Bell," and that community support can help keep rural Legions up and running. Her baking helped raise thousands of dollars for her local branch, and also inspired others to get involved in contributing their own baking.

Now, Wilson, through the Kinmount Legion, is putting together a community cookbook of recipes of all kinds in an effort to raise more.

"I wanted anybody in Kinmount, or surrounding communities because we're all one community in the end, to try and help build a community cookbook," she said of the ask, which she put out in July and that has since garnered about 110 recipes. Wilson would like to collect 200 submissions and is appealing to the community to email her their favourites, or drop off recipes at the Kinmount Legion. What kind of recipe is she looking for?

"Anything and everything," she said. "The only stipulation is that it can't be a licensed recipe, i.e. Neiman Marcus cookies. Other than that, everything's fair game. I've [submitted] some of my grandmother's recipes, my mom's, my own."

The cookbooks – called Gold Recipes, a John McGrath Community Cookbook – are expected to cost between \$12 and \$15. After Wilson inputs each recipe into a publishing program, and sends the book layout to Winnipeg for publishing, the Gold Recipes cookbooks are expected to be ready in time for Christmas sales. It's an initiative Wilson hopes will support the Royal Canadian Legion, an organization which helped support her great-grandfather, grandfather and father after they served, and which has supported the community she moved to just a few years ago.

"We all live in small communities up here, we all have to try to support each other, whether it's somebody who's had a fire and you support them or someone who's down on their luck sort of thing, we're all trying to help each other," she said.

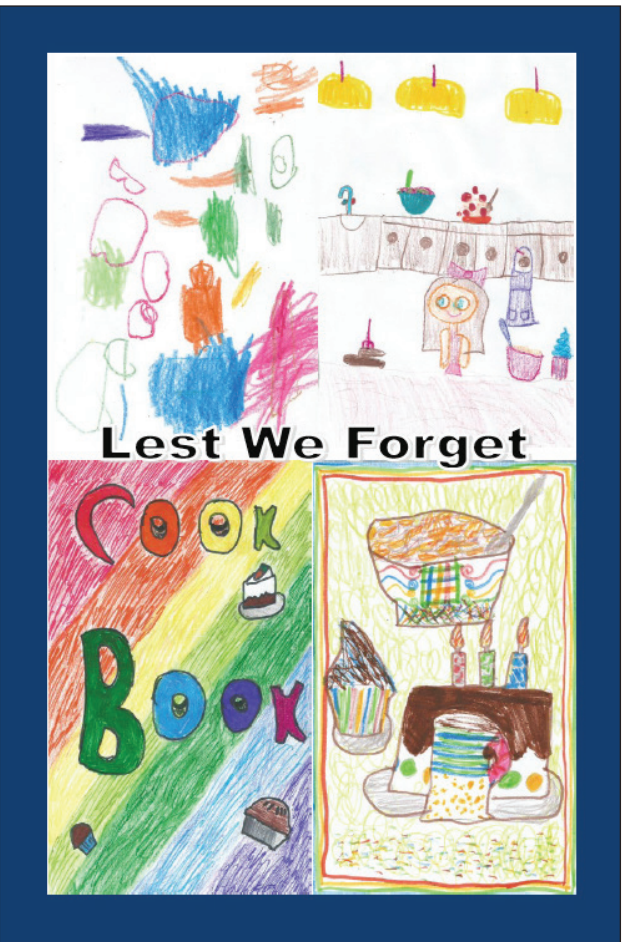
To help youth get involved in the project, a colouring contest was held for artwork submissions that could be used to decorate the front and back cover of the cookbook, with winners receiving a prize of colouring supplies. Youth have also submitted recipes for the cookbook.

"Instead of taking some stock picture of food, it just got the kids involved in the Legion," said Wilson of the contest.

Winners of the cookbook colouring and design contest are Ali Smith from Harcourt and Laine King from Kinmount in the ages four through six category; Cambell McCracken from Haliburton and Adriana Smith from Harcourt in the ages seven through nine category; Jude Vanderwyst-Kozlowski from Gooderham and Alex Humphrey from Haliburton in the ages 10 through 12 category; Kelly Lin from Kinmount

in the ages 13 through 15 category, and honourable mention to Ollie Vanderwyst-Kozlowski from Gooderham.

To purchase ad space or a sponsorship listing in the cookbook, to submit a recipe or for further information, contact Tara at rcl441_cookbook@hotmail.com. Recipe submissions can also be dropped off at the Kinmount Legion, 11 County Road 503 in Kinmount. The Kinmount Legion can be followed on Facebook at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount.



The Kinmount Legion is creating Gold Recipes, a John McGrath Community Cookbook, decorated with artistic contributions from youth in the community. Organizers have received more than 100 recipes but are still in need of more. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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In Loving Memory of

E. June Branning (nee Hare)
March 9, 1915 – September 12, 2019
Passed away peacefully at the Regency Manor in Port Hope.
Beloved wife of the late Clinton (1989) and
predeceased by her daughter Beverly (1997).
Dear mother of Sharon of Cobourg and Sandra
of North Vancouver, B.C. Loving grandmother
of Mark, Kent, Lisa, Kelly, Krista, Tracey and
13 great grandchildren and 16 great great
grandchildren.

A Private Family Interment was held at the Port
Hope Union Cemetery, Port Hope on Tuesday,
September 17, 2019.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands
Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be
appreciated by the family and can be arranged
through the Gordon
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In Loving Memory of

Robert Frederick Othmar (Bob) Hurrele
Passed away at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home on September
14th 2019, in his 89th year.

Predeceased by his beloved wife, Libby (Cutmore) in 2004. Survived by
sons Grant (Eduardo) of Vancouver, and Greg (Julie) of Moore Falls.
Also survived and remembered as Grampa by Drake, Nolan, Anders
and Molly. Dear companion of Ruth Spink for much of his last 15 years.



Born and raised in Peterborough, Bob graduated with an engineering degree from Queen's
University, and worked at GE in his hometown until his retirement in 1991. He and Libby
moved to Mountain Lake in the mid 90's, and Minden became their home.

A selfless and generous man, Bob donated countless hours to minor hockey, Boy Scouts,
Rotary Club, Mountain Lake POA, the Terry Fox Run, and building projects of the
Otonabee Community Centre in 1978 and the reconstruction of All Saints Church in
Peterborough after a devastating fire in 1983.

A sincere thank you to all the staff of Hyland Crest for their warm and caring support over
the past three years.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127
Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, September 27, 2019 from
11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Bob's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to
follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 636, 12847 Hwy. 35, Minden. Cremation has
taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Parkinson
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HHHS ready to open new facilities

After years of anticipation, the moment has finally arrived.

The new health care facilities in Minden and Haliburton will be officially opened this Friday.

The construction of the new hospitals and long-term care facilities has been a dream that has stretched back more than 15 years. In that time the community has watched and waited as studies were ordered, criteria altered and plans abandoned, until a firm commitment from the Ministry of Health set the process in motion that will culminate with the ribbon cuttings this Friday.

Even though the projects will be officially opened, areas at both sites are still several months away from being operational. In Minden, the 62 residents of Hyland Crest have moved into the new long-term care wing. The hospital, in the lower portion of the renovated wing of Hyland Crest will probably not be opened for another month. The same holds true for the primary care centre space on the second floor. The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board has yet to receive funding for the centre, so its operation may be some time off.

In Haliburton, the new emergency department has been open for several months. The acute care patients, who have been occupying rooms in the long-term care wing, should be moved back into the hospital this week. Long-term care residents will be moved into the new 30 bed wing next month.

"All the pieces may not be exactly in place, but

(more on page 3)



The new health care facilities in Minden, above, in Haliburton, below, opening this Friday.



The giant pumpkins are coming

A busy summer of fertilizing, cultivating and weeding is quickly coming to an end and nervous gardeners throughout the Minden area are watching as their monster pumpkins make their last all-out effort to pack on the pounds. The green thumb specialists are participating in the Minden Horticultural Society's First Annual Giant Pumpkin Contest.

The fruits of their labour will be weighed Thanksgiving Saturday, October 7, at McMahon's Feed 'n Needs, Main Street, Minden.

Members of the Horticultural Society were given five Howard Dill Pumpkin Seeds, (rated champion growers), which have the capacity to produce 1000 pound pumpkins. The Pumpkin Growers Association is offering \$100,000 in prizes for the first pumpkin to reach 1500 pounds. This year is the first time Minden Horticultural Society has participated in the international contest. Several years ago the society had its own contest for the heaviest fruit.



HOLY PUMPKIN! Minden Horticultural Society Member Joe Rivers kneels beside one of his largest pumpkins which he has tended all summer.

Champion growers recommend a 40" x 40" area for one plant. Weekly waterings and feeding schedules are necessary. This regimen coupled with a champion seed plus good fertile soil and protection from the elements in the fall all contribute to the growth of a giant pumpkin.

The local weigh-in will include some additional attractions. At the event, the society will be offering preserves, baked items and garden produce. Funds raised will be used to assist the organization. Participants in the contest must be a member of the Horticultural Society. Anyone who has grown a pumpkin may enter after they purchase a \$3 membership. Contact Nancy Garbutt at 286-1843 to participate.

The prizes in the local contest may not match the amounts being given away in the world competition, however they do provide some recognition for a summer's worth of loving care. First prize is \$25; second prize, \$15; third prize \$10.

Exit package delay in Victoria

by Matthew Sitrer

Disturbed and deferred. That is the sequence of last week's events regarding the release of a Draft Voluntary Exit Package (VEP) offered by the City of Kawartha Lakes Transition Board. Developed by the Personnel Task Force for the Transition Board, the VEP was issued to municipalities for distribution among their employees two weeks ago.

Sent out to the Municipalities on Thursday, September 14, it was hoped the draft would be in affected employees hands to study over the weekend, and during the first half of last week. This was not to be the case.

It wasn't until as late as Wednesday, September 20,

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- 3-bedroom cottage, bunkie with sperate 3 pc bath



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- Office or art studio
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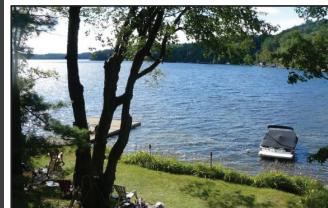
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- Private property, Well Treed Natural Shore
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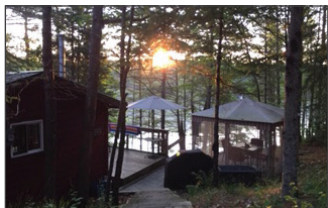
- Apprx 103 Ft Frtg, 0.16 Acr
- Apprx 1670 Sq Ft, 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath
- N/W Sunsets, Shallow/Sandy Beach
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Tom Ecclestone*
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Gull Lake \$425,000

- 3-bedroom cottage in Deep Bay, Gull Lake
- 140 feet of frontage, beautiful SE exposure
- Lakeside converted boat house, turnkey



Lindsay Elder**
457-5878

Spar Lake \$324,500

- Lovingly cared for 2-bedroom cottage
- Open plan with a deck & patio with gazebo
- Many outdoor living area, spacious fire pit
- Plus many recent upgrades throughout!



SOLD



Lee Gauthier**
489-9968

Kushog Lake \$398,500

- Classic 2 bdrm cottage + Bunkie + dbl-car Garage
- First time on market, in great shape, vinyl exteriors
- Flat west exp 100 ft lot w/ hard sand, weedless frontage



Fred Heinzler**
788-5825

Nature lover's retreat \$358,900

- Open concept 3 season off grid solar powered cottage on the Burnt River.



Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

Minden Home \$289,000

- 3+ bedroom & 2-bath home
- Propane furnace & air conditioning
- Close to the school & downtown Minden
- Perfect for a family or retirement!



NEW LISTING



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
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Canning Lake \$699,900

- Stunning 4-season home/cottage
- 2000+ square feet living space
- Boating on 5-lake chain
- Separate bunkie with bathroom



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- Beautiful view of Gull Lake
- One of our premier lakes, great boating, fishing & more!



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Black Lake \$419,000

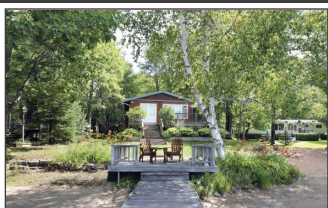
- 1,400 sq ft Log Cottage
- Open concept, 3 bed + Bunkie
- Clean waterfront



Brandon Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

East Moore Lake \$789,000

- Custom-crafted 4 season, under 2H from GTA
- Open concept interior, sunroom & WO to deck
- 3-bedroom, 2 bath, large second level loft
- Extreme privacy, to 239' of deep clean shoreline



Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Moore Lake \$448,000

- Lovely open concept Viceroy style cottage
- 3 bedrooms & sunroom overlooking the lake
- 3 lake chain for great bosting and fishing



Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Little Hawk Lake \$399,900

- Cute & cozy renovated cottage with lakeside bunkie
- Algonquin setting with big lake views
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Irondale River \$349,900

- 2-bedroom home on almost 10 acres
- 800 feet of gorgeous riverfront



Christine Sharp*
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Deeded Moose Lake Access \$75,000

- Over an acre of land
- Steps from Sir Sam's ski hill
- Easy access



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Hunter Creek Estates \$124,000

- Recently renovated home with 3 bedrooms
- New flooring, freshly painted, new electric furnace
- Located on a large comer lot, minutes to Minden



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Minden Bungalow \$349,500

- Built-in 2007, 3 Bedrooms/1.5 Baths
- Open Concept, 1575 sq. ft. c/air, generator
- Covered Deck, Level Lot, Garden Shed
- Walk to all Amenities, Access to Gull R. 1 blk away



Tom Wilkinson
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Glamor Lake \$599,000

- 621' of waterfront and 21 acres
- Sunset exposure
- Clean sandy waterfront



Andrea Wilson**
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Building Lot \$68,500

- Nice, well treed, partially landscaped
- Walking to public access on Kushog Lake
- 1.07 acres with easy municipal access
- Underground hydro & circular driveway

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